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SUBJ: SPINOLA

1. AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD, I FEEL OBLIGED TO REGISTER ONCE MORE MY CONCERNS, WHICH ARE FULLY SHARED BY MY NATO COLLEAGUES, ABOUT SPINOLA. IF HE MOVES NOW WITH SOME KIND OF FORCE IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL I GIVE HIM NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS, AND THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN RESTORING SOME BALANCE TO THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SCENE WILL BE UNDONE OVERNIGHT. THE COMMUNISTS WILL HAVE A FIELD DAY, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE LAID AT OUR DOORSTEP.

2. EQUALLY IMPORTANT SPINOLA'S HIGHLY VISIBLE ACTIVITIES IN PARIS ARE ALMOST AN OBSESSION HERE. THEY PLAY DIRECTLY INTO PCP HANDS AT THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT. THE LATEST PCP PLOY IS TRY TO DISCREDIT THE PPD BY CHARGING IT IS PLOTTING WITH SPINOLA FOR A COUP ATTEMPT. THE MORE ACTIVE SPINOLA BECOMES THE MORE DIFFICULT IT BECOMES FOR THE "MODERATES" TO TRY TO REDUCE THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNISTS IN THE GOP.

3. STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE LET OUR ALLIES, PARTICULARLY FRENCH, SPANISH AND BRAZILIANS KNOW THAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT SPINOLA AND THAT IN OUR VIEW OVERT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ON HIS PART AT THIS JUNCTURE DAMAGE WESTERN INTERESTS IN PORTUGAL. ALSO RECOMMEND WE LET THE PRESS KNOW THAT USG DOES NOT SUPPORT SPINOLA.

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